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IMAGERY COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS SUBCOMMITTEE OF COMIREX

MINUTES OF MEETING

10:00-14:00 Tuesday, 10 December 1968

PRESIDING

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[REDACTED]
Deputy Chairman

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MEMBERS PRESENT

[REDACTED]

U-2 CAPABILITIES AGAINST THE SAWRF

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1. [REDACTED] OSA/ CIA presented a briefing on the capabilities of the U-2 against the Suspect Advanced Weapons Related Facilities (SAWRF) in China. [REDACTED] informed the members that after reviewing the range of the U-2 and the SAM and fighter threat that the initial coverage attempt would probably be against the two facilities at Cheng Chou. He stated that any mission flown prior to January would utilize the U-2C after which time the U-2R would be available.

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25X1D He reported that the [redacted] camera's were available, however, he would recommend using the Delta camera as it provides a swathwidth of 17 NM, a 9-12 inch resolution, and since it employs two cameras both black and white and color can be used on the same mission. He stated that he was confident that a mission directed against the Cheng Chou facilities would be a relatively low risk mission. He requested that the ICRS review other targets for priority interest in the general area between Pei Ping and Shang Hai and east 113° east as input to the planning of a mission track. [redacted] CIA, stated that since the SIC had been assigned the responsibility for determining if there was a requirement against the SAWRFs that no action was required of the ICRS at this time.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. DIA member stated that he had just received a copy of the draft minutes (ICRS-M-22) for the 3 December meeting and would phone in any changes he might have. The other members approved the minutes after minor changes were made.

SATELLITE SCHEDULE

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[redacted]

CORONA

1049 - 12 Dec 68
1106 - 5 Feb 69
1050 - 19 Mar 69
1051 - 7 May 69
1107 - 9 Jul 69

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SOUTH CHINA/NORTH VIETNAM PRIORITY LIST

4. The CIA member stated that he had not completed a review of the DIA list of proposed changes to the North Vietnam priority list. He requested that this item be rescheduled for next week. Chairman suggested that the members make an urgent effort to complete this review. No changes were made to the list. The DIA member reported acceptable data base coverage as follows:

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[redacted]

25 Nov.
22 Nov.
22 Nov.

1049 MISSION PRIORITIES

5. The ICRS could not come to an agreement on the priorities for the mission. The Chairman stated that he would so inform the Chairman of COMIREX.

READOUT REQUIREMENTS FOR 1049

6. A draft memorandum to the EXSUBCOM containing the ICRS readout requirements for mission 1049 was approved. /Subsequent to the meeting DIA withdrew its approval of the readout requirements paper requesting that a requirement be added to include the WAG areas, which were included in the DIA priorities paper, in the photo reference line report/

INACTIVE CATEGORY CLASSIFICATION

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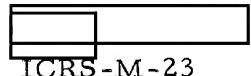
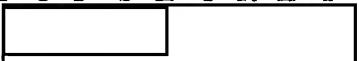
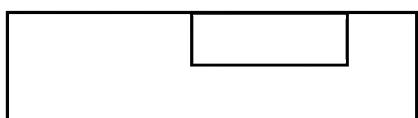
7. [redacted] opened the discussion on this subject by stating he had reviewed the DIA proposal regarding "inactive" COMIREX targets and the present method. He stated he could not see any major difference in the two methods but that certain computer programs which perform checks on certain data in the present file would not operate under the DIA proposal and he would prefer to retain the "inactive" indication in a field by itself. On the basis of the discussion [redacted] said he was withdrawing his recommendation.

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DOMESTIC TARGETS

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8. [redacted] reviewed the reasons he had been given by the Office of Emergency Planning (OEP) for requesting KH-4 photography only of the 36 domestic targets. The primary reason was based on available space, equipment and personnel to store and analyze the KH-4 material. [redacted] noted that DIA could support the requirement with DoD resources utilizing the Delta III camera which uses the same camera system as the KH-4 and he could not understand the reluctance to utilize these assets and therefore could not support the ARGO DOMESTIC requirements for KH-4 collection. [redacted] replied that OEP had assured him they had looked at other resources, including aircraft, but had settled on the KH-4 and working through the ARGO Committee to meet their requirements. [To date approximately 75 of the OEP targets have been satisfied with KH-4.]

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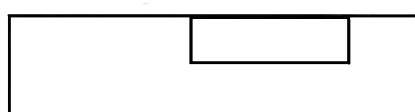
9. Chairman displayed an overlay showing the area coverage of Cuba during the current 56 day period. He noted that coverage had been achieved on 95% of the area. The DIA representative asked if any member had received any comment concerning additional intelligence information being gained from the higher resolution of the Delta system. He also stated that the ICRS should consider forwarding to COMIREX a recommendation to replace the standard B-camera with the Delta camera on a permanent basis. The Chairman requested the NPIC consultant to arrange a briefing by NPIC showing the advantages and disadvantages of the two systems as it related to resolution, area coverage, etc.

TARGET UPDATES

10. The weekly transaction sheets consisting of:

31 Additions
13 Changes
1 Reactivates
1 Inactivates
16 Deletes

were distributed with a recommendation that the ICRS staff be notified of any objections to the proposed actions by COB today.



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